(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to avoid this kind of incident in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The reported incident took palce on 15th March, 2000, when a student of Air Force Bal Bharti School, Lodhi Colony was hit by a stray bullet on his neck. A case was registered on the same day at Lodhi Colony Police Station and investigation has been taken up.

(c) The patrolling in the area especially during school hours has been intensified.

Border security posts of VHP

5514. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Vishva Hindu Parishad has announced to set up security out-posts along the International borders;

(b) if so, whether it is being done with the permission of the Central Government; and

(c) if not, whether any voluntary organisation can put up such border out-posts without the consent of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Only the security forces are authorised to set up border out posts in border areas wherever required.

Retaining of special status to displaced Kashmiris

†5515. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the special status given to displaced kashmiris is being withdrawn;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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